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50 DAYS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE OF THE BORDER DISPUTE
LECTIVAL IS DRIVING FROM WILMAGS TO PARATEON FORTRESS.
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GALAHA SENT A MESSAGE ABOUT HOLDING A FUNERAL CEREMONY AT PARATEON.
COMMAN-DANT GALAHA SENT THIS TO YOU.
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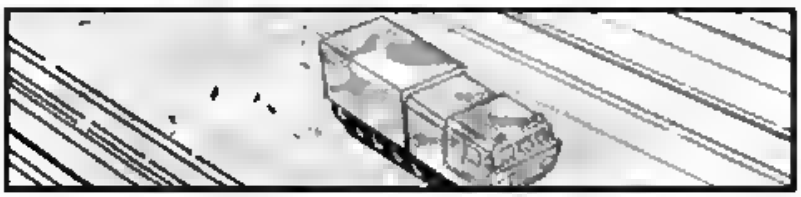

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HEY!
PARATEON WAS STILL BEING REPAIRED AFTER BEING DAMAGED IN THE CONFLICT.
SAME.
WOW... IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THAT VEHICLE.
THIS VEHICLE WAS SPECIALLY EQUIPPED WITH DEFENSES AGAINST EVERYTHING FROM ALL ANGLES.
THANK YOU FOR THIS RECEP-TION.

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I AM TRULY DELIGHTED THAT YOU WOULD TRAVEL ALL THE WAY HERE.
IT'S FINE.
NO, I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE THAT ONLY WE CAME OUT HERE TO GREET YOU.
I SHOULD SEE OFF THE COMRADES THAT FOUGHT ALONGSIDE ME...
THIS WAY PLEASE...
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THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW MORNING.

ALRIGHT.

WE'VE PREPARED A ROOM FOR YOU.

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BUT I NEED TO GO AND HELP WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CEREMONY.
MY APOLOGIES.
OKAY.
RIEDE...

YES?
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HER FATHER?
YOUR HIGHNESS,
IT FEELS LIKE SHE'S KEEPING HER DISTANCE.
I DO.
CAPTAIN GALIAN, THE HERO WHO
DIED 25 YEARS AGO FIGHTING THE EMPIRE.

I HELPED RAISE RIEDE AFTER HE DIED.
GALIAN AND I WERE CLOSE FRIENDS.
IT'S AS IF SHE'S ABOUT TO BE SWALLOWED UP BY DARKNESS...
RIEDE'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE THE RECENT CONFLICT ENDED.
WHAT IS IT?
YOUR HIGHNESS, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST OF YOU.

I'D LIKE BOTH OF YOU TO VISIT THAT PLACE.
PLEASE TELL THAT GIRL WHAT YOU THOUGHT AS YOU FOUGHT THE EMPIRE.
COULD YOU GO VISIT GALIAN'S GRAVE TOMORROW WITH RIEDE?
IF YOU'RE FINE WITH ME DOING THAT...
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... OKAY...
MY OLD FRIEND, HIS HIGHNESS IS JUST LIKE YOU.

PERHAPS HE CAN HEAL YOUR DAUGHTER'S HEART.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
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THE MOOD HAS BEEN LIKE THIS
EVER SINCE WE LEFT...
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THE SILENCE IS DEAFENING...

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DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HER?
GALAHA TOLD ME TO TALK ABOUT HOW I FELT ON THE BATTLEFIELD, BUT HE'S GOT MORE BATTLEFIELD EXPERIENCE THAN ME...
AND IF IT'S ABOUT HER FATHER, HE KNOWS HIM FAR BETTER THAN ME...
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WELL...

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I JUST, HOPE
WE CAN GET
THERE SOON.
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THE MAN WHO SAVED HIS COMRADES AND FELL ON THE BATTLEFIELD 25 YEARS AGO...
EVERYONE KNOWS MY FATHER--
THEY CALL HIM A "HERO"...
ONE DAY I FOUND

THE LAST PHOTO TAKEN OF HIM.
HE LOOKED LIKE HE HAD JUST GIVEN UP ON SOMETHING WITH THAT FACE SMILE...
THAT EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE WAS JUST HORRID!
HE ABANDONED MOM AND ME.
TO BECOME A "HERO".
YOUR HIGH-NESS...

DID YOU KNOW?
NO CORPSES WERE FOUND ON THE BATTLEFIELD MY FATHER PERISHED ON.
AT THE TIME THERE WAS SOME RUMOR THAT OUR SOLDIERS' CORPSES WERE CONSIDERED VALUABLE IN THE EMPIRE.
THOSE SACRIFICES ARE THE REASON THE KINGDOM HAS BECOME WHAT IT IS NOW.
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SUPPOSEDLY THE EMPIRE MADE OFF WITH THEM.

INDEED, MY FATHER DECIDED TO PICK THE COUNTRY.
HE REALLY ISN'T MY FATHER.
I DESPISE "HEROES".